Letters

Practice questioned

Editor:

We the undersigned feel we must make a statement about the condition that will soon exist in our state forest. In just another month or so, the state will put a large part of "public" land on the block; to be clear-cut, burned and replanted with faster growing trees. All in the name of "forest management".

In today's lifestyle of heating with fuels other than petroleum, we feel that ridding public land of hardwood-burnable wood- and replacing that with fast growing pine trees, is not looking ahead to any future problems we might face with heating fuels, but only looking at the fast, profit-making business that motivates nearly every other facet of our lives. In the process, the land loses its soil-retention ability, causing rapid erosion. Also, a forest that now gives shelter to a multitude of wildlife-deer, turkeys, squirrels, rabbits, hawks, etc. - will be reduced to barren, charred ground and will put a severe hardship on adjoining public and private lands.

Another unseen result of this action is the disheartening, almost sickening feeling that comes while hearing and watching still another piece of earth ravaged in the name of profit.

We believe in the sacredness of all life! 'Nuff said!

Sincerely,

Bing Hammer, Linda Sayers, Mark Sayers, Ron Hammer, Judi Covington, Ed Peters, Mike Willis, and Sharon Willis and Randy Becker

Terrible experience cited

Letter to the Editor:

I had a terrible experience last Wednesday night. I watched "Desperate Lives" on TV, and I sincerely hope that many young people saw it, too! How people, especially young people, could ever get into drugs, knowing what it does to them I will never understand, we say that the bad things can't happen to us, but they can. We are not immune to the tragedies of life. It can happen to YOU and it can happen to ME!

The youth always seem to think that older "folks" don't know anything about them or what is best for them. They resent the police officers patroling the school parking lots, they don't like it when the teachers try to guide them toward better learning, they don't want the principal trying to discipline them, and they especially don't like parents butting in.

Please, young folks, we are all on your side. We love you and only want what is best for you. My prayer today is that you will all take heed--stay away from the pot, the barbituates, the uppers, the downers, the booze. Remember that you are hurting your physical body and your mind, and they are the only ones you will ever have. Think about your future! You do have one and it can be good!

This movie really tore me up--it made my heart hurt so bad. I want to help combat this problem, especially in our community, and I hope that our schools, law officers, and parents are all doing our best to help the future leaders be responsible, alert and healthy members of our society.

A lot of you young people are probably saying "What does she know?" Well, I really don't know a great deal abut a lot of things and maybe just a little about a few, but my heart tells me that drugs are dangerous to our health and well-being--and I want our future to be a healthy one full of clean living and well-functioning minds.

Can't we find some nice healthy way to get high? What do we need to do to help our children of all ages to stay happy, healthy, and of a sound mind, and still be able to have a good time doing it!

Peggy Lawson

Rescue squad gets 33 calls

Volunteer members of the Appomattox County Rescue Squad responded to a total of 33 calls during the month of February.

In doing so they traveled a total of 1,147 miles, using 128 man hours.

A breakdown of calls are as follows: transport 9; D.O.A. 2; broken bones 4; auto wreck 1; misc. 9; heart attack 2; convulsion 1; fall 2; chest pain 1; breathing difficulty 1; stroke 1.

A total of 19 hours were spent by squad members in C.P.R. "in" truck training with a total of 63 miles.

Susan Godsey, one of the squad's newest members, was recently certified as a scuba diver. Susan completed a 5-week course in open water scuba diving at Lynchburg Y.M.C.A.

Miss Connie Krantz

Connie Krantz wins Farm Youth contest

Miss Connie Krantz, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Krantz, was the winner of the Farm Youth Leadership Contest sponsored by the Women's Committee of the Appomattox County Farm Bureau.

Connie chose the topic, "My Future In Agriculture" for her speech; she received a cash award of $15.00 and a blue ribbon.

Connie will go to Richmond on March 11 to compete on the state level.

The winner in state competition will receive an all expense paid trip to the AFBF Youth Leadership Conference in Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri.

In Virginia

ADC ranks high

Virginia's payment performance record in the Aid to Dependent Children (ADC) program ranks 7th in the nation and first in the seven state, Mid-Atlantic Region, the Virginia Department of Welfare announced.

On one year's time, more than 700,000 ADC payments are issued by the State Department of Welfare. Of these benefits, 95 per cent are paid in correct amounts to qualified recipients.

Virginia's ADC program has also performed well during the changes in ADC eligibility and administration which took effect October 1, 1981. "Because we had already made improvements in the overall administration of ADC in Virginia, we expect to hold our error rate down, even in the midst of extensive federal changes," said Welfare commissioner, William L. Lukhard.

The federal government imposes sanctions against states according to their performance records in ADC payments.

Virginia's quality control data in medicaid and in food stamps also compare favorably with the nation as a whole.

The ADC elibibility staffs in the Lynchburg region of Virginia Department of Welfare including Amelia, Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford, Brunswick, Buckingham, Campbell, Charlotte, Cumberland, Halifax, Lunenburg, Mecklenburg, Nottoway, Prince Edward and the city of Lynchburg have been commended for attaining a zero per cent rate for the last sample period of the ADC quality control.

Local questions concerning A.D.C. may be directed to Mrs. Alice H. Folks, eligibility supervisor, at 352-7125.

AFTER COMPLETING a reading unit on King Arthur and Medieval England, students in Mrs. Barbara Jackson's six grade class at AES created projects that would reflect an aspect of medieval life. William Mayberry, David Woods and David Jones (not pictured) selected to build a castle. Their building materials consisted of cardboard boxes, masking tape and gray paint.

DUSTY WILHOIT, grade 4, Zane Torrence, grade 6, Tim Cheatham, grade 6, Cathy Johnson, grade 6 and Tracey Garrett, grade 6 are real winners! In a math contest involving 102 of their peers they had the top 5 scores. The contest is sponsored annually by the Virginia Mathematics League. The students' winning scores will compete against scores of winners from all over the state. The two top scorers will receive a certificate of merit and the top scorer, in this case, Dusty Wilhoit will receive a special certificate.

Girl Scout week cited

Girl Scouts all over the world will be celebrating their 70th birthday this week. Our local scouts are no exception.

Our scouts have been busy taking cookie orders and soon will be back out delivering them. Each troop is planning their own activities to celebrate Girl Scout week and the whole year of fun in scouting. Our troops are also planning a camp-a-ree in May. Everyone always looks forward to this.

The girls have been very active already. The Brownies have been to the circus and visited a farm. The juniors have been Christmas caroling, helped at one of the Bloodmobile visits and took a tour of the local radio station. The Cadetts went on a ski trip to Wintergreen.

All the troops had a Thinking Day celebration. Thinkind Day, February 22, is Lord Baden-Powell's birthday. Lord Baden-Powell is the founder of Boy Scouts from which the Girl Scouts was strated.

There are six troops in Appomattox area with 76 girls and 23 adults registered. The troops consist of three Brownies troops, two junior troops and our Cadette troop.

SIGNING SCOUT WEEK proclamation with Mayor Ronald Spiggle is Brownie scout Mary Burger of troop 308, Junior scout Celeste Bartelt of troop 322 and Marlisa Mosley of Cadette troop 311.

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Business News

New crop program begins

All Risk Crop Insurance is introducing a new program called the Individual Yield Coverage Plan, stated Nelson Terry, Jr., District Director for the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation.

The prupose of the program is to provide individuals with their own guarantee for their farm as outlined in the Federal Crop Insurance Act of 1980.

Farmers may opt to substitute their yield records for the established FCIC yield for their area, continued Nelson Terry, Jr. Their certified records for a minimum of the last three consecutively planted crop years for the crop or crops involved with qualify them for IYC. Up to 10 years' certified production records may be utilized in the program. Nelson Terry, Jr., elaborated further, interested farmers need to have their records checked for certification at least 15 days before close of sales on each crop. This will allow for the necessary forms to be processed.

Farmers interested in IYC should check with a local All-Risk Crop Insurance agent to see if they qualify for the program. All-Risk Crop Insurance's IYC plan helps farmers take the risk out of taking risks.

'Save your vision'

The week of March 7 through March 13 has been designated as SAVE YOUR VISION WEEK, by Charles S. Robb, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Good vision is essential to daily living and to every occupation, regardless of age or economic status, and yet many people do not consider vision health as an important part of total health and well being, and neglect their eyesight.

"As a reminder that the precious gift of sight must be cared for and any impairment adequately treated, the Virginia Optometric Association joins with the President and the Congress in setting aside the period March 7...13 as SAVE YOUR VISION WEEK, and I call the message it sugests to the attention of all Virginians," stated Governor Robb.

WOW to meet

Woodmen of the World, Camp 71, will meet March 15 at 7:30 p.m. for initiation ceremonies. The meeting will be held at the WOW building.

All officers and team members are especially urged to attend this meeting.

REPRESENTATIVES attending the Southside District Women's Farm Bureau Workshop from Appomattox included Glenna Hix, Brenda Hix, Margaret Glover and Ruby Almond.

WFB workshop held

The Southside District Women's Farm Bureau Workshop was held in Keysville on Febraury 25.

Margaret Glover, District Chairman from Appomattox County, presided over the meeting which included representatives from the 11 counties in Southside District. They are: Amelia, Appomattox, Brunswick, Campbell, Charlotte, Dinwiddie, Halifax, Lunenburg, Mecklenburg, Nottoway and South Boston.

The 1982 Woman's Program was discussed and activities of the counties presented. Among the activities in the various counties include Poster Contests, Essays, Style Reviews, Miss Virginia Farm Bureau Contest, Table Decorations for various seasons, Safety, and other interesting projects, plus some good 'Down On The Farm' get togethers.

Norman Wilkerson, Field Safety Inspector, VFBF showed a film on "Woody The Woodburner," emphasizing the safe use of wood stoves and fireplaces.

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Vaccination clinic set

A rabies vaccination clinic for dogs is scheduled for the convenience of Buckingham County citizens on Wednesday, March 24, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Buckingham County Courthouse.

Dr. William Burger of Appomattox will be the attending veterinarian. The March 24 clinic will be the final clinic for this year.

Persons using the clinic are requested to enter the east entrance of the Courthouse drive and remain in their vehicles. Dogs will be vaccinated at the vehicle. Please have available the dog's color, as the name, address, and county of the owner. Vaccination fee is $3.00 per dog. Only healthy dogs will be vaccinated.

Citizens are reminded that current rabies vaccination certificates are now necessary when pruchasing County dog licenses. Dog licenses should be purchased by February 1 of each year at the Buckingham County Treasurer's office. Licenses cost $3.00 each.

Torrence wins TV

Mrs. Vickie Torrence (T.C.) of Concord, was the winner of a color Quasar TV given by the Concord Little League Football Association's Winter Fund Raising Event.

"We want to thank everyone for their help and cooperation," said Gary Compton, general manager of the event.

Miss Wheelchair pageant slated

The Miss Wheelchair Virginia pageant is now seeking contestants for its 1982 Miss Wheelchair Virginia pageant to be held September 23-26, 1982 in Richmond, Virginia. Contestants must be 18 years of age and 50% confined to a wheelchair.

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